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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH, 1874.

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香港

[PRICE 22] PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

March 3, Madras, Brit. str., 606, Bernard, Yokohama 24th February, General, E. & O. S. N. Co.
March 3, Tientsin, Brit. str., 1,000, W. E. Dundas, Shanghai 24th February, General, E. & O. S. N. Co.
March 3, Yung-ching, Chinese steamer, 661, Gibbon, Shanghai 24th February, and Swatow 2nd March, General, E. & O. S. N. Co.

Departures.

March 3, H.M.S. Curlew, for a Cruise, March 3, Yung-ching, str., for Canton, March 3, Bua Ciao, for Bangkok.

Clearances.

At the Harbour Master's Office, March 3, Edmund Gressier, for Whampoa, Lap-lap, str., for Swatow, &c.

Passengers.

Per Tientsin, str., from Shanghai—Miss Young, Miss J. Shuehwa and F. M. Stickler, and 49 Chinese.
Per Madras, str., from Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson and 3 children, Mr. Bullock and 2 native servants, 4 women and 21 Chinese.
Per Yung-ching, str., from Shanghai, &c.—40 Chinese.

Reports.

The P. & O. steamship Tientsin reports left Shanghai on 27th February, at daylight; had light air and thick fog; weather throughout the passage, to arrive at daylight on the 3rd March.

The P. & O. steamship Madras reports left Yokohama on the 24th February, at 6 a.m.; had westerly winds on the Japan Coast, and foggy weather at Shanghai and Tientsin; when got clear weather to arrive at 7 a.m. on the 3rd instant.

The Chinese steamship Yang-ching reports left Shanghai at 8 p.m. on the 24th February; had light N.E. wind till arrival at Swatow at 9 a.m. on the 27th February; left again on the 2nd March, at 7 a.m.; arrived at Hongkong on the 3rd, at 11.30 a.m.

Vessels that have arrived in Europe from ports in China, Japan and Manila.
(For full details, see page 13.)
Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(For full details, see page 13.)

Auction Sales to-day.

FOR SALE.

BANGKOK TEAK Squares, 30 feet to 37 feet, by 9 inches to 18 inches.
BANGKOK TEAK Planks, 14 inches to 24 inches.
LAND, CRAWFORD & Co.
297 Hongkong, 24th February, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE Office of the Undersecretary has been REMOVED to 4th floor, house known as THOS. HUNT & Co.'s Buildings, Pedder's Wharf.

NOTICE.

In Order to meet the wishes of the Native Community, the Chinese Issue of this Paper has been, from the commencement of the China New Year, issued DAILY instead of on alternate days as before.

The Paper has been established for nearly Twenty Years, and is as to Editorial Management, under the Direction of a Well Educated Chinese Gentleman, gives reliable commercial and general information, and has the same position with the Native Community as the Advertiser and News in the English Daily Press with the Foreign Community. The Charge for Advertisements will be as heretofore.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

Established 1809.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000.

THE Undersecretary, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £100,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the following rates, subject to a discount of 20%.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1% per cent. per annum.
Other Dwelling Houses, used exclusively as such, and their Contents, 1% per cent. per annum.
Shops, and their Contents, 1% per cent. per annum.

SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES.
Not exceeding ten days, 1% of the annual rate.
Not exceeding one month, 1% of the annual rate.
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Banks.

COMPAGNIE D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY National Decrees of 7th and 8th March, 1848, and by Imperial Decree of 23rd July, 1854, and 31st December, 1866.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 50,000,000 FRANCES.
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 FRANCES.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Harpe, Paris.
BRANCHES—At Lyons, Marseilles, Roubaix, Brussels, Alexandria, Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Shanghai, Saigon, Saint Denis (Ile de la Reunion), and Yokohama.

AGENTS—At Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, 1st Floor, 1873.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN BANK, (LIMITED).
London Office, 3, Angel Court.
New York Office, 10, Broadway.

CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$1,000,000.

WILL receive Deposits, open Accounts, make Collections, buy and sell Exchange and Bullion, loan Money, and issue Letters of Credit payable throughout the world.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 of Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors—Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—The Hon. R. BOWEN, Esq.

Shanghai—Ewen Cameron, Esq.
London—James Greig, Esq.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
INCORPORATED A.D. 1863.

Court of Administration—Joh. BEHNMEYER, Esq.
JOHN BEHNMEYER & CO.,
MANAGER.

Managing Director—C. PERRELL.

Agents at Hongkong—Messrs. P. & O.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE Established myself, at this port as Merchant and Commission Agent, WILLIAM FORBES.
1m 329 Tientsin, 1st March, 1874.

MR. CARL HERMANN has this day been admitted a partner in our firm.
OHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.
2m 394 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. A. H. P. HASS, in our firm, ceased on the 31st December, 1873.

MR. HERMANN BROUWER has been admitted a partner in our firm in Hongkong and Canton on the 1st January, 1874.

MR. JAMES O. FRASER is admitted a Partner in our firm from 1st January, 1874.

MR. JAMES O. FRASER, having become a Partner in the firm of Messrs. SAUNDERS, NEEDHAM & Co., of Liverpool, has this day interest in the firm of JAMES O. FRASER & Co. now represented by Messrs. SAUNDERS, NEEDHAM & Co.

JAMES O. FRASER, JAMES P. MOLLISON, Yokohama, 1st January, 1874.

WE HAVE this day admitted Mr. EVAN J. FRASER to be a Partner in our firm.

JAMES O. FRASER & Co., Yokohama, 1st January, 1874.

MR. JAMES HENRY SCOTT and Mr. WILLIAM DUNOCH HARRISON have been admitted as partners in our firm at Hongkong, China and Japan.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, 1m 285 Hongkong, 18th February, 1874.

MR. GEORGE BASIL DIXWELL has resigned his authority to sign our name in Hongkong, China and Japan from this date.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., 1m 286 Hongkong, December 1st, 1873.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. T. SORRENSEN, in our firm, has this day ceased.

Wm. G. HALL & Co., 1m 266 Saigon, 9th February, 1874.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between THOMAS HOWARD & Co., of London, and HENRY WILLIAMS DAVIES, of the style of "THOS. HOWARD & Co.," has been this day DISSOLVED by mutual consent. The said THOMAS HOWARD & Co. have this day taken the name of THOS. HOWARD & Co.

THOS. HOWARD & Co., 1m 241 Hongkong, 11th February, 1874.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. T. ADAMS, in our firm, ceased on the 31st December, 1873.

MR. PAUL GEORGE HERRMANN and Mr. ALBERT GILZOW have been admitted partners in our firm at Hongkong and in China on the 1st January, 1874.

MR. GEORGE PETERS is authorized to sign the firm pro-pronator.

EDWARD MEYER, 1m 28 Tientsin, 1st January, 1874.

THE Partnership heretofore existing in Hongkong, China and Japan between W. J. BLYDENBERG, GEORGE HUBERT, S. E. HUSTON, and J. J. HETTMANN, under the name and firm of SMITH, ARCHER & Co., is this day DISSOLVED by mutual consent. Each partner will sign the name of the firm in Liquidation.

SMITH, ARCHER & Co., 3m 24 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

MR. JAMES HART is authorized to sign our firm in Hongkong and China, from this date.

TURNER & Co., 1m 2096 Shanghai, 15th December, 1873.

G. FALCONER & Co., 1m 2096 Shanghai, 15th December, 1873.

ELEGANT SELECTION OF LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S JEWELLERY.

SILVER PLATE, consisting of RICE CUPS, Centre and Dessert PIECES, TOASTERS, Tea and Dinner SETS, CHAIR JUGS, SALVERS, Coffee and Ice SPOONS, Sets of Dessert and Fish FORKS, &c., &c.

Silver Mounted Dressing CASES and Traveling BAGS, JEWEL CASES.

A large and varied Stock of ELECTRO-PLATED GOODS.

Gold WATCHES of all kinds, keyless, adjusted to temperature and position, and a quarter and minute repeaters.

Independent Centre Second Keyless Minute REPEATERS.

CLOCK WATCHES, all of the highest quality that the Art of Horology is capable of producing.

A large selection of New and Second-hand 3 and 4 DAY CHRONOMETERS, SEXTANTS, QUADRANTS.

Ritoni's Patent LIQUID COMPASSES, BINOCULARS, Matchless COMPASSES, Patent LOGS, ODOMETERS, Sounding MACHINES, Dials for Deep Sea.

Board of Trade, Hall, and Aneroid BAROMETERS.

Patent Self-registering BAROMETERS, RAIN GAUGES, Self-registering THERMOMETERS, HYDROMETERS, HYGROMETERS, SALINOMETERS, Astronomical TELESCOPES.

BINOCULARS, made especially for night use, THEODOLITES, Dumpy LEVELS, Levelling STAVES, Measuring CHAINS, Proportional COMPASSES, WHEELS and HALVES, STEAM INDICATORS, Pocket SEXTANTS, PROTRACTORS, PRISMATIC COMPASS, ALTAZIMUTHS, CAMERA LUCIDAS, &c., &c., &c.

Hall, Quarter, and Ohime CLOCKS, Marble and Gilt CLOCKS, Travelling, Mignonette, and Boudoir CLOCKS.

MUSICAL BOXES of ALL SIZES, European and Chinese Air, CHARTS and WORKS on NAVIGATION, Sin 1970 Hongkong, 6th December, 1873.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersecretary will sell by Public Auction, 20. MORROW, the 5th March, 1874, at noon, at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, 1st Floor, 1873.

SALES BY—Quercus BRANDY, Assorted LIQUORS, 5 Cases Brandy, CLARET (Montferland), 5 Cases Blue PAINT, MATCHES, Scented SOAP, Bar SOAP, Hand SAWS, Casks Bath BRICKS, Washing SODA, Fancy Paints, 200 Brooch-Landing RIFLES.

An Invoice of FURNITURE, Black BRAD, ELASTIC Black and White TIES, Fancy CLOTH, Gilt and Silver LACED, 1 and 1/2 inch.

An Invoice of OILMAN'S STORES, comprising Preserved BEEF, BROWN, VEGETABLES, MUSHROOMS, GREEN PEAS, ANCHOVIES, OLIVE OIL, CAPERS, PICKLES, French OLIVES, VINEGAR, SALAD OIL, FRUITS in Juice, &c., &c.

And Sundries other GOODS, in Mexican Dollars weighed at 17.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, 343 Hongkong, 4th March, 1874.

THE OPEN STOCK EXCHANGE, BANK BUILDINGS, HONGKONG.

THE ELEVENTH SALE of BANK, MANUFACTURE, FURNITURE, comprising STEAM NAVIGATION, TRADING, GAS, HOTEL, SUGAR, and other SHARES, will be held TO-MORROW, 5th March, at 2.30 p.m. precisely.

SHARP & Co., 339 Hongkong, 3rd March, 1874.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT AND SUBSTANTIAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, &c., &c.

THE Undersecretary has received instructions from J. P. N. D. SILVA, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at the Public Office, No. 8, corner of Gage and Aberdeen Streets, on SATURDAY, the 7th March, 1874, at Noon precisely.

The whole of the elegant and Substantial HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Green Damask Covered Oak Drawing Room SUITES, Mahogany EAST CHAIRS, OIL PAINTINGS, OROLOGES, CHRONOMETERS, JEWELLERY, GLASS, CRISTAL, CHINA, and BRASS, Marble-top CHIFFONIER, Ebony Extension Dining TABLE and Round TABLE, Mahogany WARDROBES, WATINGS, and SIDE TABLES, BEDSTEADS, CROCKERY, and GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, Glass Book CASE, OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., &c.

A Semi-Grand PIANO, in Rosewood, by LEMER, and a complete set of PIANO STRINGS.

A Four-wheel CARRIAGE.

PLANTS, in Pots.

Catalogues will be issued, the whole to be on view on and after FRIDAY, the 6th instant.

Terms of SALE—Cash for delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 17.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, 339 Hongkong, 24th February, 1874.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE SUPREMACY COURT OF HONGKONG.

THE Hon. WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER, Esq., of Hongkong, Plaintiff, Effects of H. J. STEUBIN, Plaintiff, vs. NG CHAP-ING, Defendant.

THE Government Auctioneer has been instructed by the Sheriff to offer for Sale by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract) on SATURDAY, the 10th day of March, 1874, at noon, upon the Premises—

All that undivided one-fourth share belonging to the above-named Defendant, N. CHAP-ING, in the following described PROPERTY, namely—

The whole of INLAND LOT No. 1, situated at the junction of Lyndhurst Terrace with Cockburn Street, and consisting of 19 HOUSES, fronting Lyndhurst Terrace and Cockburn Street.

And, the remaining portion of INLAND LOT No. 129, situated between Wellington Street and Lyndhurst Terrace, and consisting of 19 HOUSES, fronting Lyndhurst Terrace and Wellington Street.

Terms of SALE—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the day of the auction, and the balance on completion of the transfer Deed, which is to be made out by the Purchaser at his own expense.

Property to be at the Purchaser's risk at the day of the auction.

For particulars and conditions, apply to J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer, 272 Hongkong, 19th February, 1874.

MR. J. C. H. LEUNG, Formerly Organist of St. Andrew's Cathedral, and Director of Music in the German Church, "Festung," St. Andrew's, LESSONS given in PIANO, FORTY, ORGAN, VIOLIN, and on any other Instruments.

Piano-forte Tuning done on moderate terms. For Engagements, apply to—Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or Messrs. KAUS & Co., 189 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1874.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

On and after SATURDAY, the 1st November, 1873, a Brokerage of Thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3%), will be allowed on all insurances granted by this Association.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents, 1m 1800 Hongkong, 30th October, 1873.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AFTER this date, the Brokerage allowed by this Company on the Premium on RISKS to ports west of Singapore, will be Ten per cent. (10%); only; on ALL OTHER INSURANCES a Brokerage of Thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3%) on the Premium will be allowed, as heretofore.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents, 42 Hongkong, 5th January, 1874.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE and after this date, and until further notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon current local rates of Premium, will be allowed on insurances against fire, effected with this Office.

EDWARD NORTON & Co., Agents, 1m 1174 25th June, 1872.

To be Let.

Extracts.

WAITING.

There of the sunny head,
With lilies garlanded,
And broken forth from the brown sea foam;
O Spring, in what waste desert dost thou stay
Thy lifeless, waiting presence on the fold?
The voice of the line with frost is gray,
And all imprisoned in the crown of gold.
Come, sweet Enchantress, come!
Though, in the sombre west,
Thy star, both in the east,
Pity Phosphor, founting forth the withered moon—
Thy violet are sprinkled in snow.
Thy daisy twin to none in the sun,
Ride winds throughout the forest fold,
And silent in the dove's melodious moan:
Enchantress, hasten soon.
White are the country ways,
And white the tangled maze.
Loved of the oxlip and the crocynthus thyme,
Bare shales the poplar on the willow ridge,
Cold gleams the spectral mist above the
Broom, the daisy, the crocynthus thyme,
House, the daisy, the crocynthus thyme,
And lightning strike the darkness of the
wood.
Enchantress, bless our clime.
No bloom of daisy now,
No freshly-blossomed thyme,
Gleams the importunance of ad eyes:
The daisy, the crocynthus thyme,
Over the withered meadows and stark vines
The night comes down impetuous and fleet,
And ships and abies shiver in the gales:
O fair Enchantress, hasten soon.
Arise, and bring with thee
The robe and for the tree
The healing sunshine for the troubled green;
Lone, lonely for the boughs, bring thee
Thy eyes.
And shield the seedlings in the rain of hours,
The daisy, the crocynthus thyme,
And faint scents for the wind-stirred blue
flowers.
Enchantress, breathe and pass:
Men know, and heed, of all,
Thy garments' glittering fold—
The radiant footprint on the meadow and the
Barth kindled at thine advent—altars burned,
And ringing cymbals bade the hearts be
true.
But now, in endless solitude, I stand,
Thou leav'st the world to hasten day.
O fair Enchantress, hasten soon.
The lark shall sing again,
Between the dawn and the
The brown be through the flowered pasture
meads,
There shall be music in the frozen woods,
A gurgling, bubbling in the rushing brook,
An echo in the half-forgotten
And dancing fawn-flows in the east
Thou, come, Enchantress, come.
Bilberrig Journal

THE NEED OF HORACE VERNET.

There is but one great descendant of
Horace Vernet, the great painter of the
empire, living—his niece, Madame Valérie
Vernet, to whom Horace Vernet left his
large fortune. Madame Vernet is a
small, round, fat woman, with a
small nose at Versailles, which no
would notice had it not been so long the
studio of her uncle.
I knew from Madame Vernet's neighbors
and acquaintances that she was rich, for
Horace Vernet left about a million and a half
francs in money; but what I did not know
was that he had left her a collection of
pictures of half and completely finished paintings
which any gallery in Europe would be proud
to possess.
Madame Vernet showed me these extra-
ordinary treasures, and I expressed my as-
tonishment that so little was known about them.
"Ah, but!" said Madame Vernet, "who
comes to see me? They have forgotten me
entirely. Time is terribly long to me when
I think of the period when my poor uncle
was alive. Ah, then our house was always
thronged in the afternoon. Even the king
(Louis Philippe) came to see us; and his
daughters, the Duke of Orleans, was one
of our frequent visitors. I was so young
then, that I remember very well the
belle-mère he gave me. Come," she continued,
"I will show you something," and she took me into an adjoining
room, where she showed me a head
bandaged, and with the imprint of death.
"Such," she said, "was the appearance
of the poor Duke of Orleans, when he
came to see us, in 1842. My uncle
Horace was so terribly excited about it
that he could not talk of anything else for weeks.
Meanwhile, he painted this ghastly head, at
which I can never look without shuddering."
I looked at it long, and also at a picture
of the death of the Duke of Reichstadt;
another large tableau, which Vernet expressed,
at the wish of King Louis Philippe, because
it would have given serious offence to the
Emperor of Austria. In the three pictures
were twenty large paintings by the great
master. The last painting was the "Mas-
sacre on the Boulevard des Capucines, Decem-
ber 4th, 1851."—L.A.T.

THE AUSTERITY OF THE EARLY
NEW ENGLANDERS.

The two hundredth anniversary of the in-
corporation of Massachusetts, an ancient New
England town, covering territory now oc-
cupied by several towns in Massachusetts and
New Hampshire, was celebrated the other
day. The speaker illustrated old time man-
ners as follows:
The fundamental principle of the equality
of all men before God was rigorously ob-
served. All titles were forbidden Mr. Weld,
even plain laymen. The "simple people
of Rev." was considered an innovation
of "vanity." The austerity of our fathers
was carried into minor matters. Dan-
cing at weddings was forbidden. William
Walker, one of the colonists, was imprisoned
a month for courting a maid without the
consent of her parents. Long hair or per-
fumes were considered "follies," to be
decorate the hair, were strongly prohi-
bited. All ornaments were a "vain show," and
beauty a "dainty." Christmas was a Popish
day, and not to be observed. To turn the
back upon the public worship before it was
finished and the blessing pronounced was
"profaneness," and was punished by law.
A "cap" was erected near the meeting-
house for the confinement of all offenders
against the Sabbath. One Sunday, John
Atherton, a soldier in Col. Tryon's company,
was so audaciously profane the day by wet-
ting a piece of an old hat to put into his
shoes, which chafed his feet on the march.
He was fined forty shillings for his flagrant
wickedness. Three months' imprisonment
from the church brought the offender to
the public whipping-post. Even in Har-
vard College students were whipped in the
presence of professors and fellow-students for
grave offences committed in the chapel. The
order of exercises at the institution of the
third, a closing prayer, to Sabbath-school
"knelt them to church." The plain, un-
stepped, barn-like meeting-house never re-
sounded to an organ, or to a profane in-
strument of any kind. The windows of the
humble edifice, neither large nor numerous,
were gilded of a pane of glass for fifteen
years. Neatness and propriety reigned within
and without. A widow kept the meeting-house
clean, and took care that no damage came to
the glass. The tithing man kept his eye on
the boys in the broad aisle and the "blind
sate" that they might be "watched over
according to law." Loose stones were cleared
away outside the house. A new horse-block
was set up. All persons were forbidden to
tie their horses to the meeting-house ladder.
No "faithful dog" could bear his master com-
plicity within the sacred precincts, and every
dog was so afraid of Samuel Gould, who
was "chosen dog-whipper for the meeting-
house."

GOLD-BLOWING AMONG THE
ASHANTIS.

Carefully intying a knot in one corner of
his scanty cloth, he produces a small package
about the size of a cherry, neatly wrapped up
in paper within an envelope of leaves, and then
the whole carefully tied up with raw cotton.
This he lays before the gold miner, and then
finishing in the intricate maze of the wools
head, produces a second package. Daintily
opening each, he shakes the gold dust into
one of the blow pans, carefully smoothing
each crumple, last an atom of the metal
should be left behind; and then stands look-
ing with eager eyes while the gold is "blown."
Taking the pan in his left hand, the gold-
taker, by a few dexterous movements, brings
the smaller particles to one end of the pan.
He then strikes his nugget among the an-
tiferrous particles a few times. No result.
Then, holding the pan slightly inclined
he pulls a few times into the small atom.
A few fly off, these are specks
of mica that collect by the wools
adjusted breath of the gold-taker. He then
takes up one of the feather tips, and carefully
goes over each particle of the gold dust; now
testing a suspicious-looking piece by the
touchstone or by the taste, selecting those
which he suspects to be mixed with earthy
matter, and breaking them and finally weigh-
ing the blown gold, giving the owner a
"look" of the amount of good gold. This
docket he takes to the trader, and obtains
goods to its amount. In some instances,
where the purchaser is well known, credit is
given, but it is always with considerable risk.
—Caselli's Illustrated Travels.

A SOUTH SEA ISLAND WELCOME.

A beautiful little schooner was lying at
anchor in one of the bright lagoons which are
formed by the coral reef among the lovely
islands of the South Sea. Her clean run-
ning rigging, and dainty appearance, would
have told the looker-on that she was an
English ship, without the aid of the flag
floating from her peak. Several men appear-
ed upon the deck, most of them conversing
in dumb show with the native women who
were crowding over the rail, or dashing
through the water with the ease and grace
of long practice.
"The men must be careful what they do,"
Mr. Selwyn, said the captain, in a low voice,
addressing his first mate. "It won't do to
treat these fellows too far."
"Not a bit of it, captain. This is the very
lovely lagoon where Capt. Fellows and his crew
were killed; and they tell me that they took
their last meal on the beach, and that they
were killed by the natives. The natives are
the brown thieves are cannibals."
"They look mean enough for anything,"
said the captain. "I think we had better
clear the decks of them at once."
"I'll attend to it," replied the mate.
At his order the girls and women plunged
into the sea and swam towards the shore,
while the men took to their canoes, paddling
hastily, and the mate had to put out his
hand upon one stalwart savage to force him
from the deck. He wore a belt at his waist
in which hung one of the native knives,
made of a sort of wood as hard as lignum vitae,
with small sharp teeth set into the edges;
the points of the teeth upon one edge in-
cluding the point of the knife, and the
blade of the knife upon the other edge. He
drew this strange weapon as the mate paid
him, and turned a scowling look upon the
sailor.
"No touches, cannibals!" he hissed. "Me
kill you!"
Charles Selwyn was hot-blooded, and
reaching for the knife from the belt, he
seized him by the waistcoat and shoulder,
and buried him over the rail into the lagoon.
"Serve out the muskets to the men!"
cried the captain, who understood the result
of this act upon the part of his mate. "We
must now fight to get out of this. Get the
anchor up, Mr. Tracy," he continued, ad-
dressing the second mate, "and be lively
as you can. Ha! There is no time to
weigh anchor. Cut the cable—quick!"
The second mate caught up an axe and
sprang to the bow, and by three quick strokes
severed the cable and laid the stout rope
slid through the hawse-hole, while half a dozen
men hoisted the jib. There was a light
hubbub, and the schooner began to move,
leaving directly for the entrance to the lar-
gion, while the arm-chest was opened and
the muskets, boarding pikes, and pistols
placed where they could be easily seized.
The islanders had not been idle. Natu-
rally of a fierce and bloody disposition, they
had only waited for a fair excuse for making
an attack on the schooner, and as they
saw her sliding away from the anchorage,
they set up their terrible war-cries, which
sounded as if they were coming from twenty
different points towards the schooner, now
under full sail and jib and making some way
through the water. The crew of the schooner
consisted of fifteen men, most of them young
Englishmen, and they greeted the appearance
of the natives with a derisive cheer, and
sprung for their weapons.
"Steady!" said Captain Morton. "Don't
fire a shot until I give the word. Now then,
I warn you to get out of the course, Kan-
tooh!"
The savage chief in the nearest canoe only
answered a howl of fury, and his men bent
to their paddles. In a moment they would
be aboard.
"Don't waste a shot, men!" cried Morton.
"Give it to them!"
The men dived together, and as they laid
down their muskets and took up others, they
saw that they were safe from that canoe at
least. Three of the islanders had been kil-
led, several badly wounded, and the rest had
leaped into the sea, and were swimming to-
wards the shore. By this time two canoes
were coming up rapidly upon either quarter.
So, dividing his men, the gallant captain
commenced an attack upon them which
quickly caused them to paddle back the way
they came with howls of pain and rage. But
the danger lay in front, for two great war-
canoes holding fifty men each, stood directly
in the passage, the spear heads and darts
teasing like the waves of the sea. The
schooner had gathered way, and was now
moving rapidly through the water, and the
men took their places at the bow, the point
of danger, while the first mate, standing
cock half-way on the lee fore-castle, com-
manded the natives, while an old sailor took
the wheel.
"The buggers are lying across the channel,"
cried the mate. "We'll run that big
one down. Steady there at the wheel! Port
a little!"
"Port it is!" replied the steersman.
"Now be ready when I give the word."
Hands by the sheets. Hard a-lee!
The canoe at which the prow of the
schooner was pointed had pulled a little out
of her course, but so quickly did the schooner
spin round on her new course, that they
found it impossible to get out of the way.
The point of the schooner's bow, and the sharp
cutwater struck her, and the divided frigate
men sank beneath the waves, while the
crew of the schooner, starting quickly to
their feet, poured a crashing volley into
upon the quarter, and then, grasping
their cutlasses, sprung to meet the brave
natives, who were already swimming up
the side, armed with spears and clubs.
Five minutes of wild combat, the groans
of dying men, the report of pistols, the crash
of steel, and the decks of the schooner were
cleared of the enemy, and she dashed on un-
molested on her course, while twenty or
thirty brown heads floated the sea astern as
they had been hurled from the decks and the
shores, rushed by the schooner towards the
distant prey. The ship was safe, and save
a few dead wounds, not a man was hurt.
But Captain Morton will be careful in the
future how he enters a South Sea lagoon.

THE LAPPES AND THE ARABS.

The Swedish Government has on several
occasions undertaken to bring up young
Lappes, in the hope that they might at a
future time facilitate the transition of their
tribes from their nomadic habits to the more
advanced condition of the fixed population.
It has been long known that in almost every
instance, the Lappes have prevailed over edu-
cation. A story is told of one of these young
men who, by his piety and his application,
fitted himself for admission into the ranks
of the Swedish clergy, and then, filled with
patriotic zeal, resigned his tribes that he
might shed abroad among them the light
of religion and civilization. But, far from his
converting them, he abandoned the Bible for
the wallet, and the preacher's supplies for
the rags of the nomad. So it is with the
native chiefs who are brought up in the
Franco-Arab schools; hardly are they in-
troduced into their tribes, than, with a few
exceptions, they return to the manners, the
prejudices, the superstitions, and the nomadic
life, as if they had never quitted the wilds
of Arabia or the frontiers of Soudan. It
must be acknowledged that after more than
four years of political subjection, the nomad
system of Algeria has not been influenced in
the least by contact with European man-
ners.—Sahara and Lapland. By Count
Robert d'Ardenne.

COLLIER ARKRIGHT'S BARBER-
LIFE.

Stories of his barber-life in Bolton are not
wanting, but they have an apocryphal look.
In one recent sketch of him, not distinguished
for accuracy, he is represented as occupying
in Bolton, "a modest little shop, where he
put the sign, 'Come to the subterranean
barber, he shaves for a penny.' The other
barbers," we are then told, "found their
customers leaving them, and reduced their
prices to his standard, when Arkwright, deter-
mined to push his trade, announced his
determination to give a shilling shave for a
half-penny." After a few years he quitted
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